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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed in the signatory page(s) commencing at page 2 hereof) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which (check one)

- is attached hereto.
 was filed on June 29, 2000 as United States Application

Number or PCT International Application No. 09/606,763

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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<u>60/141,917</u> <u>(Application Number)</u>	<u>June 30, 1999</u> <u>(Filing Date)</u>
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.

the application identified above.

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